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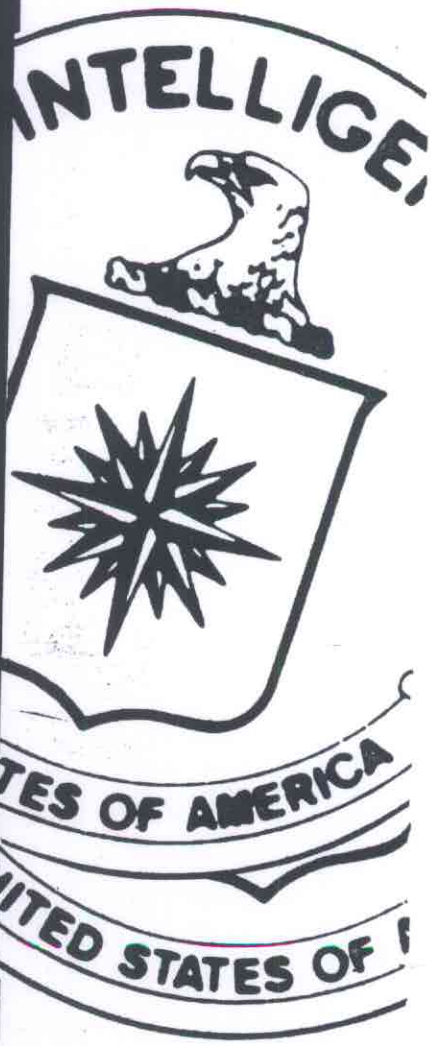

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Division General Fabián Escalante Font was born in the City of Havana, Cuba, in 1940. At a very young age he suffered persecution and was imprisoned for his activities against the dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista. With the triumph of the revolutionary movement on January 1, 1959, he joined the newly created State Security Forces, where he carried out varied activities against counterrevolutionary organizations and the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States, including the latter's Operation AM-LASH.

He directed the investigations which the Cuban government carried out at the request of the U.S. Select Committee of the House of Representatives, when the investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was reopened in 1978.

Between 1976 and 1982 he was chief of the State Security Department (G-2). He headed the Political Office of the Interior Ministry from 1985 to 1989; was a member of the Central Committee from 1980 to 1991; and a deputy in the National Assembly until 1992. He is presently an adviser to the Minister of the Interior.

In 1991 and 1992 he formed part of the Cuban delegation that attended the tripartite meetings (Soviet Union-USA-Cuba) in Antigua and Havana to discuss and analyze the antecedents, causes and consequences of the 1962 Missile Crisis.

In 1992 he published *Girón, la gran conjura* [The Bay of Pigs, the great conspiracy], where he analyzed the subversive events that led up to the mercenary invasion of Cuba in April 1961. He has contributed to other national publications and has given lectures on these topics.

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